

Application No.: 10/526,681
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Amendment to the Claims

Please amend the Claims as follows. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1 (Currently Amended). Multilayered, breathable textile fabric (1) for articles of clothing with enhanced wearing comfort owing to easy moisture transport, characterized in that the textile fabric (1) comprises at least two separate layers (2,3), the layer (2) having a skin side (6); the layer (3) having an outside (4), the two separate layers being bonded to each other at predefined positions (5) by means of selected bounding yarns which are part of the layer (3) ~~which faces away from the skin,~~ the bounding yarns ~~yarns~~ being woven or knitted or stitched through the layer ~~ply~~ (2) on the skin side, whose warp and weft yarns consist of aramid yarns or aramid twisted threads or aramid filament yarns or yarns made of blended fibers containing polybenzimidazole and aramid fibers, whereby the layers (2,3) have different individual fiber degrees of fineness in order to bring about a fineness gradient over a the thickness (7) of the fabric (1), whereby the skin side (6) of the layer (2) ~~that essentially faces the skin~~ has a the coarser individual fiber titer and the layer of the outside side (4) ~~facing away from the skin~~ has the finer individual fiber titer.

2 (Previously Presented). The textile fabric according to Claim 1, characterized in that the layer (2) is a woven, a knitted fabric or a warp knitted fabric.

3 (Previously Presented). The textile fabric according to Claim 1, characterized in that the second layer (3) is a woven, a knitted fabric or a warp knitted fabric.

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4 (Currently Amended). The textile fabric according to Claim 1, 2 or 3 ~~4, 2 or 3~~, characterized in that all of the layers (2,3) have a structure exhibiting at least two different individual fiber finenesses.

5 (Currently Amended). The textile fabric according to Claim 1 [to 4], characterized in that it is a duplex construction with two layers bonded to each other.

6 (Currently Amended). The textile fabric according to Claim 1 ~~one of Claims 1 to 5~~, characterized in that the layer (2) as well as the layer (3) are visible on the skin side (6) ~~facing the skin, whereby, however, the surface proportion can vary.~~

7 (Currently Amended). The textile fabric according to Claim 1 ~~one of Claims 1 to 6~~, characterized in that the re-drying time of the skin side (6) ~~facing the skin~~ is optimally shortened by the combination of extremely fine fibers and a large surface area of the article.

8 (Currently Amended). The textile fabric according to Claim 1 ~~one of the preceding Claims 1 to 7~~, characterized in that the two layers (2,3) are bonded to each other by a ~~special~~ double-face weave, by a ~~special~~ double-face knit or by a ~~special~~ double-face warp knit.

9 (Currently Amended). The textile fabric according to Claim 1 ~~one of the preceding Claims 1 to 8~~, characterized in that the layers (2,3) have a square meter weight in the range from 50g/m² to 450g/m², whereby the square meter weight of the individual layers can be identical or different.

10 (Currently Amended). The textile fabric according to Claim 1 ~~one of the preceding Claims 1 to 9~~, characterized in that the layer (3) ~~is arranged on the outside (4) or on the side (4) facing away from the skin and in that it has an individual fiber titer of less than 1.3 dtex.~~

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11 (Previously Presented). The textile fabric according to Claim 1, characterized in that the warp yarns comprise multifilament aramid yarns or multifilament aramid twisted yarns or aramid filament yarns and the weft yarns alternately comprise multifilament aramid yarns or multifilament aramid twisted yarns or aramid filament yarns.

12 (Previously Presented). The textile fabric according to Claim 1 or 11, characterized in that the multifilament aramid yarns or multifilament aramid twisted threads or aramid filament yarns present in the weft yarns are similar or identical to one of the two alternately arranged, different multifilament yarns or multifilament twisted threads or aramid filament yarns that form the warp yarns.

13 (Currently Amended). The textile fabric according to Claim 1 [or 12], characterized in that the aramid yarn contains fibers that are selected from the group consisting of poly-m-phenylene isophthalamide fibers, poly-p-phenylene terephthalamide fibers or mixtures of poly-m-phenylene isophthalamide and poly-p-phenylene terephthalamide fibers.

14 (Currently Amended). An article of clothing, characterized by a structure consisting of at least one two-layered textile composite having an inner layer, ~~optionally a middle layer, made of a polyester or polyamide or aramid microfiber fabric,~~ and an outer layer, whereby the multilayered, breathable textile fabric according to Claim 1 ~~one of Claims 1 to 13~~ forms the inner layer.

15 (Currently Amended). An article of work clothing for protection against the effects of heat, flames or electric arc and having a textile cover layer made of high-temperature-resistant fibers, characterized by a structure made up of at least a two-layered textile composite having an inner layer, ~~optionally a middle layer made of a polyester or polyamide or aramid microfiber fabric,~~ and an outer layer consisting of a textile material made of high-temperature-resistant fibers, whereby the inner layer contains a multilayered, breathable textile fabric according to Claim 1 ~~one of Claims 1 to 13~~.

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16 (Previously Presented). The article of work clothing according to Claim 15, characterized in that it is a fireproof jacket or fireproof pants.

17 (New). The article according to Claim 14 or 15, further comprising a middle layer made of polyester or polyamide or aramid microfiber fabric.